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CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS NAMED A 2012 GREEN COMMUNITY BY IACT

INDIANAPOLIS –The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced the City of Indianapolis is a 2012 IACT Green Community, thanks to the City's LED streetlight and traffic signal retrofits and energy efficiency improvements to city-operated buildings such as the City-County Building. Indianapolis now is a three-time recipient of the award, after receiving the honor in 2009 and 2010.

"The improvements we have made in our city buildings, operations and infrastructure have proven our commitment to efficiency and sustainability," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "By leading by example, we will continue our efforts to become the most sustainable city in the Midwest."

Indianapolis filled out a 51-question survey in the areas of purchasing, operations, measuring success, and sample projects. Indianapolis, which earned the 2012 IACT Green Community award in the 50,000 and above population category, received the award during the 2012 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in French Lick.

IACT launched the Green Communities Initiative in 2008 to identify potential cost savings to communities facing budget shortfalls and promote economically competitive quality of life concepts while improving and protecting our environment. The initiative will expand educational opportunities for municipalities and create a consolidated clearinghouse of data and programs that can be accessed by municipalities.

IACT, a member of the National League of Cities, is a coalition of municipal officials who seek to improve the quality of life in Indiana through effective government. Founded in 1891, IACT is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country, with 467 cities and towns as members. IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana and promotes good government through education, training and leadership.

To learn more about Mayor Ballard's vision of making Indianapolis the most sustainable and livable city in the Midwest, visit www.indy.gov/sustainindy.

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